

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

In the Specification, on page 1, immediately following the title and preceding the heading "Technical Field", please insert the following new paragraph:

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After the Claims, please insert the following new paragraph on a separate sheet:

Abstract of the Disclosure

Camptothecin drugs are stabilized in their antitumor active lactone form by complexation with an oligonucleotide including RNA or catalytic RNA. The oligonucleotide-camptothecin drug complex may be incorporated within a macromolecular assembly including both viral and non-viral oligonucleotide vectors. The invention allows combination gene and camptothecin drug therapy.